

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is hereby requested.

It is noted that the first page of the action indicated a shortened statutory period for response of 31 days whereas the 2nd page provided a period of 3 months or 30 days, whichever is longer. This reply is timely filed within the 3 month period.

Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn. Since the product and process claims share a number of elements, it is submitted that it would not be unduly burdensome to examine them together.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to our deposit account No. 12-1155, including all required fees under: 37 C.F.R. §1.16; 37 C.F.R. §1.17; 37 C.F.R. §1.18; 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

Respectfully submitted,



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